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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

**Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The patents and/or publications listed on the enclosed PTO Form-1449 are submitted pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98. Copies of the patents or publications are enclosed as necessary. Also submitted herewith is a copy the Official Search Report of the French Patent Office in counterpart foreign application No. FR 00 05038 filed April 19, 2000.

TIME OF FILING

This information disclosure statement is being filed:

- 1. with the application or within three months of the filing date of the application or date of entry into the national stage of an international application or, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever event occurs last. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(b), no certification or fee is required.
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 - A. a certification as specified in 37 CFR §1.97(e).
 - B. the fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(p) for submission of an information disclosure statement under 37 CFR §1.97(c).
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 - A. a certification as specified in 37 CFR §1.97(e);
 - B. the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(i); and
 - C. the accompanying petition under 37 CFR §1.97(d).

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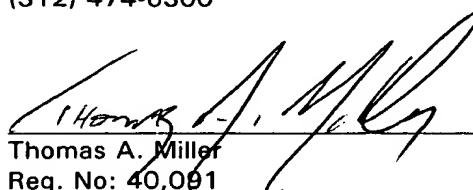
- No fee is required.
- Attached is a check in the amount of \$_____.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 13-2855. A copy of this paper is enclosed.

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)		
	C1	Search Report issued by the French Patent Office for parent French Application No. 00 05038 filed on 19 April 2000; report dated 23 January 2001.

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